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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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INV. G06F3/12

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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2. FURTHER ACTION

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. 1 Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1,10,19
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1,10,19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1,10,19
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP-A2-1 293 341 (DAINIPPON SCREEN MFG [JP]) 19 March 2003 (2003-03-19)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not inventive in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

Document D1 discloses:

A computer-implemented method comprising:

identifying configuration parameters of a printing device ("*CTP information about the number of recording heads...*", par. 0046);

dividing an image into image portions based on the configuration parameters (see division location designation in par. 0067 and more specifically "*... a certain location in response of the secondary scanning rate of the individual recording head*");

generating a plurality of image data packets, each image data packet including one or more image portions ("*Based on the signal, the print data division part 250 divides the print data PPD*", par. 0079); and

transmitting the image data packets to the printing device (see Fig. 7. Each "*print data PPD*" is sent to its designated print head).

The difference between the present application and D1 consists of sending a request to the printer for its properties, and receiving said properties from the printer. D1 does not explicitly disclose that the number or the characteristics of the print heads are requested by the printer, but nevertheless, the printer knows about these features. Therefore, even if it cannot be said that these features are explicitly or implicitly disclosed, they cannot be considered anything but trivial, given the absence of any other alternative to acquire these head characteristics.

Therefore the subject-matter of independent claim 1 does not involve an inventive

step.

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 10,19

The above inventive step objections are applicable mutatis mutandis to the computer program product defined by independent claim 10 and the printing system defined by independent claim 19, both having the same features as the method of independent claim 1.

4. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-9,11-18,20-27

Dependent claims 2-9,11-18,20-27 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).